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The sliding component 28 is configured and sized so as to be slidable within the guiding channels 25 and 26. As seen in Fig. 2, the sliding component 28, in turn, includes a sliding member or base plate 30 preferably having a generally rectangular configuration and defining a pair of opposed plate guiding edges 32a and 32b adapted to be respectively engaged with the guiding channels 25 and 26. An intermediate or auxiliary component 34 acting as a mounting member for an extension card 54 is moveably mounted to the base plate 30 so as to allow movements thereof in a predetermined direction over a predetermined distance relative to the base plate 30. According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the auxiliary component 34 can move in a direction generally perpendicular to the plate guiding edges 32a and 32b relative to the base plate 30.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 22 and bridging pages 9 and 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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As seen in Fig. 2, auxiliary component 34 is formed of a first plate 34a rigidly mounted to a second plate 34b by means of four screws 33. The first plate 34a defines four slots 35 which, once the first plate 34a has been assembled to the second plate 34b, are disposed in register with four corresponding guiding slots 38 defined in the second plate 34b. Slots 35 are larger than guiding slots 38 for purposes to be described hereinafter. Plates 34a and 34b are mounted to the base plate 30 via four retaining means or threaded fasteners 37 threadably engaged with the base plate 30 and extending through respective guide members 36 engaged in associated pair of adjacent slots 35 and 38 for sliding movements therein. Each guide member 36 is provided with an annular peripheral shoulder 39 which is received in the corresponding slot 35 and which overlies the surface of the second plate 34b

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